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## THE HOMELESS KAZAKS FIND REFUGE

### Descendants of Genghis Khan's warriors settle in Turkey

DURING 1952 a handful of Kazak refugees arrived in Turkey after an astonishing journey through the deserts and over the mountains of Central Asia. Now comes news that several hundreds more of these hardy people have since reached Turkey and are there settling down in peace.

Thus a happy ending is being written to an epic story of human courage and endurance—the story of a doughty people who chose a path of untold suffering and peril rather than give up their freedom.

The Kazaks are a Moslem people of Outer Mongolia, but their language is like Turkish. They breed their own ponies and are descendants of the fierce horsemen who helped Genghis Khan to win his empire in Asia. In appearance they are small and wiry, with narrow eyes and high cheekbones.

It was as long ago as 1936 that the Kazaks first felt the iron heel of Communism. The authorities persecuted their religious leaders, and tried to take their children away to send them to distant Communist schools.

Rather than lose their freedom, the Kazaks began to leave their mountain homes. They set forth for Moslem countries where they might find shelter from oppression.

Five years later 17,000 more of these nomads began the great trek, and since then many other thousands of them have tried to follow in their wake. But out of all the refugees that left Outer Mongolia only about 2000 survived the terrible journey through the Kuenlun Mountains of Northern Tibet, and on through Kashmir, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Persia into Turkey.

#### SOUTHWARD BOUND

Travelling with their ponies, yaks, and black leather tents, they moved steadily southwards, at first into the Kansu province of China, where good grazing ground attracted them to put up their tents. But they were pursued by the Chinese Communists and they fled to the Tibetan border.

When they reached the forbidding Kuenlun Mountains, the Communists caught up with them and a bitter battle was fought. The Chinese, though driven off, still blocked the passes through the mountains. The only way of escape was into the never-never land of ice and snow beyond the Kuenlun Range, the bleakest part of the world outside the Arctic and Antarctic regions. The Communists could never have imagined their intended victims would attempt to cross it.

#### THEIR CHOICE

The Kazaks, however, decided that it was better to perish in the snow than to fall into the hands of the Chinese. And hundreds of them did perish in the bitter climate of a country that is still largely unexplored.

For 600 miles these pilgrims of adversity fought their way across the frozen desolation in which most of their womenfolk and children died. The survivors kept themselves alive by shooting roe-deer and ibex.

At last the remnant found refuge in the warmer climate of Kashmir.

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### At the wheel

This unusual picture was taken as Lance-Corporal Enid Burns was examining the wheel of a three-ton truck. She was attending a transport course for the Women's Royal Army Corps at Winterbourne Dauntsey Training Centre in Wiltshire.

## PUFF-ADDER FARM

A young man in Nyasaland, Mr. David Stegmann, has left his job in the Government Veterinary Service to start a farm where instead of the gentle lowing of cows, there will be the ominous sighing of puff-adders.

The venom of these huge and deadly vipers is worth about 50 shillings a gramme, and the South African Institute of Medical Research has told David it is ready to take 100 grammes a month.

He proposes to keep a "herd" of 500 puff-adders on only two acres of land at Fort Johnston in Nyasaland, "milking" them of their venom twice a month—a job where one cannot afford even one mistake.

#### SNAKE-EATERS

Breeding the snakes in captivity is difficult, so he will depend on native hunters to keep him supplied, at 3s. 6d. for every one brought in alive. He looks to the Alomwe tribe to help, for they eat snakes and are adept at catching them.

As if 500 puff-adders were not enough to keep him busy, he hopes also to import rattlesnakes and moccasins from America to keep them company.

This original and adventurous young man has a side-line: goggle-diving with a schnorkel tube and net to catch tropical fish, for which there is a ready sale in America. David Stegmann certainly believes in living dangerously.

## NESTING NOTES

Church mice may be poor—but not the mouse which built its nest in a straw stack at Hall Farm, Isleham, Cambridgeshire.

When the stack was pulled to pieces and the nest discovered it was found that pound notes had been used to line it. When the tattered pieces were put together it was clear that the nest had "cost" at least £2.

## HEDGELESS HEDGEHOGS

The annual report of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union states that reports of hedgehogs found dead on the roads are decreasing, although the animal is no less numerous.

It suggests that the abolition of many roadside hedges is the cause. Without roadside hedges the hedgehog population has moved from the danger area.

## NEW SUIT TO SAVE LIFE AT SEA

A doctor, clad only in his pyjamas, soaked himself in a bath of cold water, and then went out into the freezing cold and lay there all night inside an inflated rubber suit.

His courageous experiment was to test a new survival suit for lifeboatmen to use. Dr. Hale risked many ill consequences, yet he reported that he stopped shivering after three minutes, and a thermometer inside the suit recorded a temperature within one degree of what it would have been had he been in bed.

Dr. Hale is a member of the Committee of Management of the R.N.L.I., and the chances he took on that frosty night may be the means of helping lifeboatmen to protect those they rescue against illness or death from cold and exposure.

## BARGAIN BOX

"What offers for this old locked box without a key?"

That was the question asked by an auctioneer in Tasmania.

There was a discouraging silence, but at last it was sold for ten shillings.

Then came an old coat which went for a shilling. But in the coat was a key, and the key fitted the box, and in the box were some surprises—bank books for a considerable sum, a quantity of loose money, a pair of binoculars, rings, and valuable papers.

Quite a bargain for ten shillings!

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## TIME OF DECISION IN AMERICA

CN Diplomatic Correspondent

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, who is now busy shaping his country's political programme for 12 months to come, entered on his task by saying: "This is a year of decision."

He clearly believes that in the months to come there will be important, even fateful, turning-points for peace and prosperity everywhere.

Policy changes in Washington, nerve-centre of the world's most powerful democracy, can affect directly or indirectly the wellbeing of every other country; and for this reason, President Eisenhower's declarations of legislative plans receive the closest examination outside as well as inside the United States.

A wise move could buttress international peace; an ill-conceived move could cause a slump not only in America, but throughout the Western trading world.

Yet even though the President has the biggest single voice in influencing world affairs and conducting the government of his own country, his powers are largely exercised through the consent of Congress. Opinion in Congress can, and often does, clash with the ideas of the President of the day, modifying his own proposals and bringing forward new policies.

### HARMONY FROM DISCORD

Mr. Eisenhower, a great soldier who led the allied armies to victory in the war, has always tried to bring harmony out of discord, to promote team spirit and reconcile rivals.

This characteristic has been clearly revealed in his first year as President, a year that it is likely he himself would declare to have been as difficult a one as a new President could possibly have for his entry into high politics.

Diplomacy of the highest order has to be shown by the President of the United States in exercising the powers given him by the constitution.

As Head of the State he has some of the functions that in this country are exercised by the Crown.

But he also has many of the rights of the Prime Minister, in the way Britain understands that office. He is the ultimate authority, as well as the adviser.

Some people have held the view during the past few months that President Eisenhower has failed to grapple successfully with the

difficulties of his position. But it is now becoming more apparent that this estimate took too little account of his quiet strength of character.

He has had a year of study, taking stock of all that is required of him, and consolidating his position. His popularity, which had seemed to be on the wane a few months ago, has strengthened, thereby increasing his power to guide American policy.

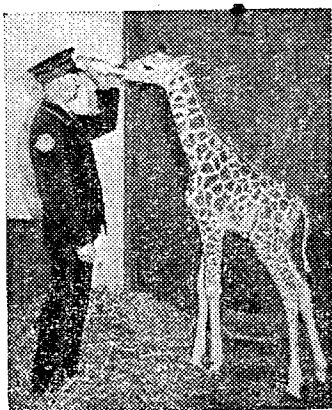
When he spoke of his programme for the consideration of Congress, he said:

"It does not deal with pie in the sky promises to all, nor in bribes to a few, nor in threats to any. It is a programme inspired by zeal for the common good."

Britain and the other Western countries which knew him well in the war have good reason to believe there is a full measure of sincerity in his words.

### Top liner Tilly

Tilly, the new baby giraffe at Manchester's Belle Vue Zoo, has been elected an honorary member of the Topliner's Club, an association of tall people.



Now motherless, and bottle-fed, as seen here, Tilly measured six feet at birth, and will be about eight feet high by June.

The badge of membership sent to her has been acknowledged by Tilly (through Mr. Gerald Iles, the Zoo superintendent).

## THE KAZAKS FIND REFUGE

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In Pakistan and Afghanistan the Moslem people provided lands for the Kazaks to live on, but the refugees were drawn still farther westwards by their ancient links with the Turkish-speaking peoples. After resting among their new-found friends, they started another long trek from the plateaus of Afghanistan into Turkey, where they were promised a permanent home.

In their ancestral homeland they led a pastoral existence, keeping sheep and cattle, and using two-humped camels for carrying their

belongings from one grazing ground to another. They were adept at training eagles for hunting, and another of their tough sports was a kind of Rugby on horseback—with a sheep's carcase instead of a ball!

Will they now be able to settle down in one place as farmers on the rich soil of Anatolia, using jeeps instead of ponies? So far all the signs are hopeful that the Kazaks, after long years of wandering, have found a home where they can follow their own faith and dwell in contentment, free from fear and from want.



By the CN Press Gallery Correspondent

THIS is the time of year when parents are cast in the role of inquiring taxpayers and begin to turn anxious attention to the activities of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

From now on their thoughts will turn to the question: What sort of Budget will Mr. Butler produce this year?

The answer will not be known until Budget Day in April. But with the return of the Chancellor from the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' talks in Sydney, the Budget is now in fact being made. The defence "budget" and the estimates of the Service and Civil departments are now coming in.

THE mechanics of budget-making are fairly simple. You find out what your commitments are likely to be in the next financial year (which you know after you have seen and "pruned" the estimates), and you calculate what revenue you want to cover them.

Much of the revenue comes from the Customs and Excise duties, which are taxes on *things*, and the rest substantially from the Inland Revenue duties, which are taxes on *people*.

There are so many kinds of taxes in these two categories that the Chancellor can make up an increase here by a decrease there. And in this process he will be guided by the necessities of public policy and the needs of people, who do not all pay the same kind or amount of taxes.

THE main movement we shall see developing on this subject during the next few weeks will be a demand for cuts in Government expenditure. By Government expenditure is meant the money paid out of revenue for State services.

These critics, of whom there are many on the Government benches, are enemies of waste. They do not want to cut expenses on essential services such as schools, but they want to be sure that all money spent is *well* spent.

This, after all, is what we all want—to make our week's pocket money stretch out over a range of useful purchases, which would be limited if we "splashed" only on things we can do without.

SUCH back-bench movements to keep the Government "up to scratch" are common to every Parliament. In addition to the "Budget-axe" movement there are others, of which two notable ones may be mentioned.

One is to ensure an honourable and beneficial outcome to the Anglo-Egyptian talks on the future of the Suez Canal Zone, where 80,000 British troops are stationed as a bastion of Western defence in the Middle East.

The other ventilates the grievance of retired Service officers because their basic pensions, stabilised as long ago as 1935, have not moved in pace with the rise in living costs.

## News from everywhere

### LEAP FROG

Leaping Lena, a Durban frog, has jumped 32 feet 3 inches—a feat said to be a world record.

The Continent's oldest railway station, the 119-year-old Allee Verte at Brussels, has been closed.

Girls at Southwick Secondary School, Sussex, have raised £2000 to build a swimming pool by holding fêtes, concerts, and collecting salvage.

The village of Santa Rita, New Mexico, has been moved 1½ miles because it was situated on a rich copper vein.

### LONG SERVICE

Four members of the Locke family of Stamford, Lincolnshire, have between them completed 162 years' employment with a local building firm.

The boys of Norbury Manor School, Addington (Surrey), are making a three-year social and geographical survey of the district.

Brian Burton, 15, an ex-pupil of Dersingham Secondary Modern School, King's Lynn, has been presented with the Queen's prize for religious knowledge.

A record total of 300,000 passengers travelled by British European Airways to the Channel Islands last year. This was 28,000 more than in 1952.

A new history of the Victoria Cross is being prepared by Mr. W. Maddison, a disabled ex-Serviceman of Peckham, London. He hopes to have it ready in time for the centenary of the award in 1956.

### WINDFALL

A 1751 Spanish gold coin was revealed when the wind blew the cover off a ventilator in a house in Leek, Staffordshire.

Russia has bought 8000 tons of butter from New Zealand. Nine-tenths of the Dominion's butter exports come to Britain and the rest goes to other countries which trade with Britain.

An egg weighing half a pound has been laid by a pullet at Hulland, Derbyshire, and a hen on a farm at Haughton, near Stafford, has laid two monster eggs—one weighing half-a-pound and the other over seven ounces.

### NOT SO LONELY

Pitcairn Island, in the Pacific, has been brought into permanent contact with the rest of the world. It now has a telegraph service.

Odds and ends from the attic of Bernard Shaw's old home at Ayot St. Lawrence fetched £180 at an auction.

Mr. G. Ross, headmaster of Stanton School, near Bury St. Edmunds, has made an electric organ for £30.

## Have a Good Time!

Chew Wrigley's refreshing gum

It quenches your thirst

Makes your mouth feel cool and clean

Chewing is such fun



### WRIGLEY GAME

No. 1

"PASS THE PARCEL"

You all sit in a circle, passing round a parcel containing Wrigley's chewing gum wrapped up with many coverings of string and paper. Music plays. When the music stops whoever has the parcel tries to undo as much as he can before the music starts again. Every time the music starts the parcel must go on passing round. The lucky winner who removes the last wrappings gets the delicious Wrigley's-chewing gum.



Three  
Delicious  
Flavours

Chew

**WRIGLEY'S**



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## CHANCE FOR YOUNG STAMP COLLECTORS

Here is a chance for young stamp collectors to shine. The Philatelic Congress of Great Britain is again holding the Melville Memorial Prize Competition and it is open to any boy or girl in the world under the age of 17.

Entries must be on standard-size album sheets from the competitor's own collection, not more than 12 sheets are allowed, and the entrant's name and address must be written in pencil on the back of each.

All entries should be submitted to a society affiliated to the Congress (competitors need not be a member) by March 1, 1954.

They must be accompanied by a certificate from a parent or guardian that it is the unaided work of the entrant, and must also state the date of the competitor's birth.

Awards of cash and other prizes will be given in three age groups—between 15 and under 17, between 12 and under 15, and under 12. Ages will be reckoned as on May 1, 1954.

In judging entries, marks will be awarded for write up and arrangement (25 per cent), condition and mounting (25 per cent), philatelic knowledge (25 per cent), originality (15 per cent), and interest to non-collectors (10 per cent).

## MODEL TUNNEL FIND

A 100-year-old model of the imposing entrance to the three-quarter mile long tunnel at Kilsby, near Rugby, has been found in the garden of Cedar Lodge, a house at Kilsby. Covered over with brambles and earth, the stone model is about three feet high.

It is known that Robert Stephenson, who was responsible for the tunnel, stayed in the house when the railway was being constructed, and spent much time in the garden.

It is believed, therefore, that the model was his own personal property.

## WANDERER

Tissy, a brown and white cat belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Beckett of Rotherham, disappeared while they were on a caravan holiday at Bridlington in September 1952.

Fifteen months later he turned up at Rotherham. He was in good condition and was obviously delighted to be home after his 80-mile journey.

But after three saucers of milk he disappeared again, and it is wondered whether he has returned to Bridlington for another holiday.

## THE LADY'S LAMP

The Belper Rural District Council of Derbyshire is to have its own coat-of-arms, and it will include a lamp as a reminder that Florence Nightingale once lived in the neighbouring village of Holloway.

## YOUR DOG CAN WIN YOU A HOLIDAY

Young dog-owners can win a week's holiday in a competition run by the National Canine Defence League.

Britain's 1000 Road Safety Officers are being asked to select from their areas the best-trained dog belonging to children to enter the competition. The winner will receive a trophy and a week's holiday with his or her dog at any of the 400 hotels, caravan sites, or boarding houses on the League's list which welcome dogs.

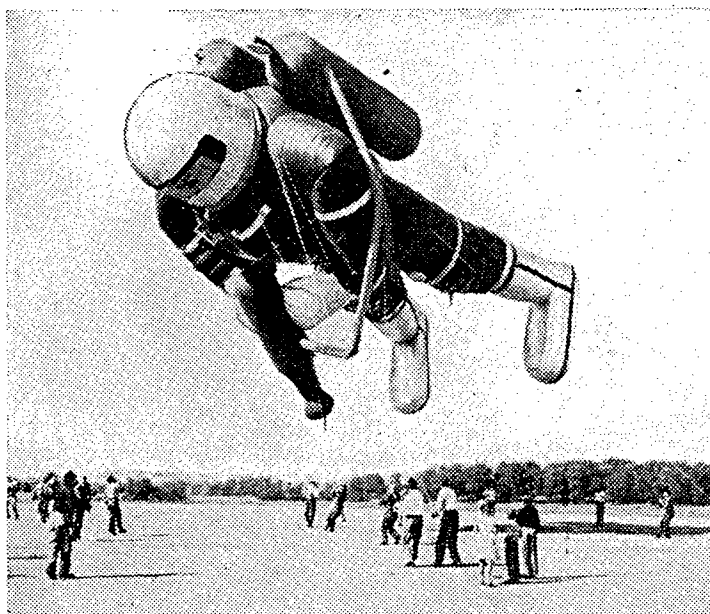
A copy of this list, Leaflet 515, and details of the competition, Leaflet 523, can be obtained from Canine Defence, 10 Seymour Street, London, W.1.

## TRIGGER PAYS A FLYING VISIT

The famous horse Trigger, belonging to cowboy film star Roy Rogers, will be in Britain next week.

Unlike Pegasus, Trigger has no wings, but he is hiring some to bring him here, and he is due to arrive at Prestwick in a Royal Dutch Airlines plane on February 11.

Roy Rogers is due to arrive a day earlier, and many British children will have a chance of seeing both him and his steed, for they are to make personal appearances at variety theatres in the United Kingdom.



## The spaceman is airborne

This giant balloon in the shape of a spaceman was used in a carnival. Made at Akron, Ohio, it is 60 feet tall and 40 feet round, and required 40 men to hold it down.

## BOYS FIND ROMAN KILN

Two Norfolk boys, who recognised when they saw it lying on a newly-ploughed field, have unearthed one of the largest finds of its kind for many years in Norfolk. They are James Benton of Hevingham and John Kitson of Norwich.

Digging in the field they soon discovered further fragments. By the time they were a foot below the surface they had unearthed hundreds of dishes, jugs, and pots and had sent for further help with the digging.

Later on they came to a hard floor which the curator of Norwich Museum has now identified as the floor of a kiln.

By a coincidence another Roman kiln was discovered on the same day in the village of Brampton, only two miles away.

## OLD LOCOS

Four of Australia's best-known locomotives, the S class, or Spirit of Progress type, are making their way to the scrap heap.

Named after famous Australian explorers they hauled a 12-carriage train daily from Melbourne to Albury en route to Sydney.

One of them, the Sir Thomas Mitchell, is now among other wrecked iron horses in a railway junk yard near Melbourne after 17 years of service.

The fate of another, Edward Henty, will be known in a few months when it will be stripped down for major inspection.

The two remaining locos, the Matthew Flinders and the C. J. Latrobe, are still running but will not last another 12 months. They are being replaced by diesel electric locomotives.

## WHITER WIGS

It has been noticed that the wigs worn by barristers are staying white very much longer than was formerly the case—they used quickly to become grey.

The reason for this change is an interesting one. The new wigs are made, not of horse-hair as before, but of nylon. Each costs about £20.

## FOUND IN THE ARCTIC

A store left in Mercy Bay, Banks Island, by an Arctic explorer 100 years ago, has just been found by an expedition of the National Defence Research Board of Canada.

It was known that the early explorer, Sir Robert McClure, had left a store in Mercy Bay, and it was found to contain a quantity of high quality British coal and hundreds of good British oak barrel staves.

It was all in first-class condition and the recent expedition was able to make use of it.

## MINISTERING MINSTRELS

"To bring sunshine into the lives of others" is the motto of the Alabama Junior Minstrels of Manchester, who have put on over 50 shows to help raise funds for charity.

They are organised by Mr. C. A. Marrion, of Darley Avenue, Manchester, who reports that since 1951 his troupe (all between five to 14) have raised well over £100.

## THANKS TO THE RAIN

Twenty men in Stafford owe their escape from serious injury to a rainstorm. They were erecting a steel frame weighing many tons when rain began to fall, so they left their work to shelter.

Hardly had they taken cover than they saw the great structure tumble. No one was hurt.

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**NEW 'Wild-West' GAME**

**PUNCHO's Cattle 'Round-Up'**

**Yours for only ONE ½ lb FRY'S Cocoa Tin Label**

(Offer applies only to Gt. Britain and N. Ireland)  
Closing date—March 31st, 1954



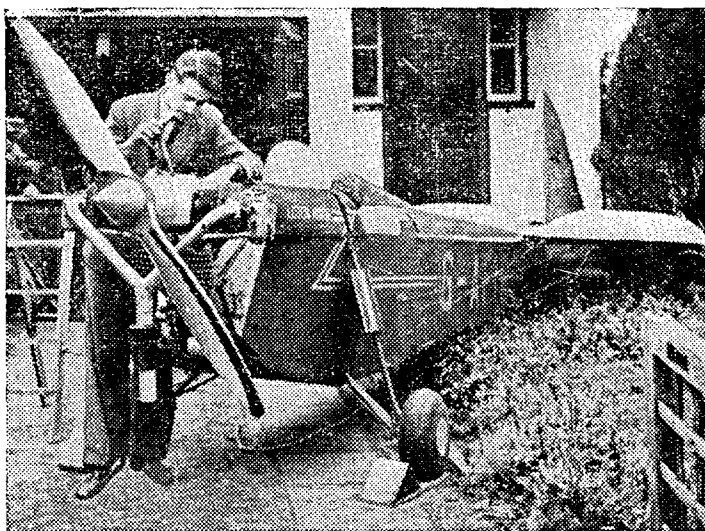
## Focus on bird life

The Rixteth Manor County Secondary School at South Harrow has a bird-watching club. Here some of its young members are pursuing their hobby at Kew Gardens.

Puncho, your favourite cowboy, is now taking part in an exciting, new game—and it's free! Just ask Mother for a half pound Fry's Cocoa Tin Label—two quarter pound cartons will do. Write *only* your name and address in BLOCK LETTERS on the back—and send to us in an *unsealed* envelope (1½d. stamp) to: Dept. 2.D. J. S. FRY & SONS LIMITED, SOMERDALE·BRISTOL

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**Front-garden plane**

Whereabouts at home can one build an aeroplane? His front garden is the place chosen by Mr. Arthur Ord-Hume of Hatch End in Middlesex.

## HELICOPTER MIDGETS

By the CN Flying Correspondent

Latest claimant to the title of "smallest helicopter" is the Bensen Mid-jet—an American-designed machine with a rotor diameter of only 15 feet.

Weighing nearly 100 lbs., this remarkable little aircraft is able to carry more than four times its own weight and fly at speeds up to 80 m.p.h. Power is provided by two miniature ram-jet engines, one of which is mounted at each end of the 15-foot diameter rotor.

Igor Bensen, designer of the Mid-jet claims that the machine

could be produced to sell at £360. It can be dismantled and loaded into fixed wing aircraft, large helicopters, or light trailers.

Another baby helicopter which sprang into the news recently is the French S.O.1220 Djinn. One of these machines climbed to 15,564 feet, setting up a new world record for rotating-wing aircraft.

The Djinn, now being produced for the French army, is powered by compressed air generated by a compressor in the fuselage, then ducted to nozzles at the tips of the rotors.

## It happened this week

### THE "WHITE KING" IS CROWNED

**FEBRUARY 2, 1626.**—At Westminster today King Charles was crowned.

Contrary to the custom set by his predecessors, who wore royal purple at their Coronations, King Charles was clothed in white. This was by his own choice, to declare the purity with which he came to the Throne.

It was a bright, sunshiny morning when the king came by water from his Palace of Whitehall to the old Palace of Westminster, and shortly before ten o'clock the Royal Procession passed to the Abbey. From Westminster Hall to the west door of the Abbey a path of newly-laid gravel had been covered with a blue cloth.

The ceremony in the Abbey lasted for about five hours.

It is almost a year ago—March 27—since King Charles was proclaimed King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, on the death of his father, King James.

### THE NEEDLE ARRIVES

**FEBRUARY 3, 1878.**—Crowds have been flocking to the banks of the Thames opposite the Houses of Parliament today to see one of the strangest craft that ever put to sea.

It is the Cleopatra, which was towed up the Thames yesterday, bringing safely to London at last the mighty Egyptian obelisk, Cleopatra's Needle.

The Cleopatra is actually an iron cylinder, 92 feet long and 16 feet in diameter, made of iron plates which were manufactured in London and built around the obelisk in Alexandria. It has two small cabins—one for the captain and one for the crew.

Last October six men perished when the Cleopatra broke away from her tug in the Bay of Biscay. She has now been towed from the Spanish port of Ferrol by the 275-ton Anglia, largest tug in the port of London.

A wooden replica of the Needle has been set up in Parliament Square to see how the 70-foot high obelisk will look in that position.

(It was eventually decided to set up the Needle on the Embankment, where it still stands.)

### COMMONS IN THE DARK

**FEBRUARY 4, 1836.**—King William had a disturbing experience today in Parliament when he found the Chamber too gloomy for him to see the words of the Royal Speech.

With the utmost patience, William the Fourth—whose eyesight is not too good—tried to make out the words. Baffled over one word he turned to Lord Melbourne and in a voice which echoed through the House asked "What is it?"

Halfway through the speech the Librarian brought two candles. His Majesty paused, apologised for his hesitant delivery and then—in the light of the candles—read the speech through from beginning to end.

ON THE AIR—By Ernest Thomson, our Radio and TV Correspondent

## PLAN TO IMPROVE RADIO RECEPTION

Too many broadcasting stations all transmitting at once, sometimes straying from their allotted wavelengths, are the cause of widespread interference, especially after dark. To overcome the trouble, the BBC urged the adoption of V.H.F. (very high frequency) transmissions.

The Postmaster-General's Television Advisory Committee has now supported this view, recommending a V.H.F. system for Britain, not only to avoid interference but to improve the quality of sound reproduction.

If the Government approves, the BBC is ready to start at once on a planned network of 51 V.H.F. transmitters. It would take some years to complete, and the first transmitters would be erected in areas at present badly served.

Adapting existing receivers to V.H.F. would cost between £7 and £10. New sets would cost about 30 per cent more than at present.

### Joan of Arc—shepherdess

WHAT was Joan of Arc like before she became the warrior-saint of France? The Maid of Domremy, the Children's TV play on Thursday (repeated on the following Monday), attempts to show us Jeanne as a young girl tending her flocks and listening to "voices."



Andrée Melly

It was written by Joe Corrie, former Scottish coal-miner, who began writing plays 25 years ago. He wrote the Maid of Domremy after seeing Bernard Shaw's St. Joan.

Jeanne the Maid is played by Andrée Melly, whom viewers will remember in several Children's TV productions. Andrée, who is dark-haired, will wear a chestnut wig for this performance.

### Japanese TV birthday

SIR GEORGE BARNES, BBC Television Director, has sent a five-minute film of greeting to Tokyo to mark the first anni-

versary of the Japanese TV service. He was shown speaking against the background of Big Ben.

### Second performance

No one who saw the TV Christmas opera Amahl and the Night Visitors will forget the fine performance of Charles



Charles Vignoles

Vignoles, a 12-year-old chorister from Canterbury Cathedral School, who sang and acted the part of the boy Amahl.

Charles Vignoles makes his second TV appearance on Friday in Eric Robinson's "Music for You."

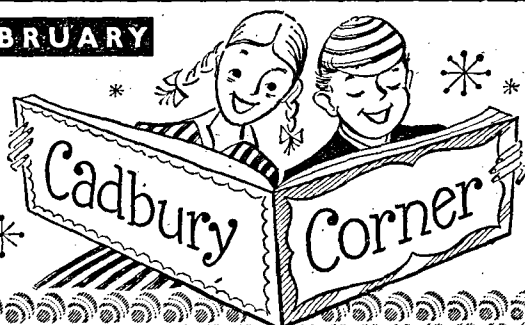
### All about the Dales

If you listen to Mrs. Dale's Diary you will know eleven-year-old Tiggy Fielding, "the boy next door," and Billie, who is Mrs. Dale's 18-month-old grandson.

These characters have a special interest for Hazel Adair, who joins the Diary script-writers on February 18. In private life she is Mrs. Ronald Marriott and has two sons exactly the ages of Tiggy and Billie.

Before beginning to write the Dale Diary, Hazel Adair read through 100 Dale scripts "to get to know the characters." Then she visited the Dale "museum" near Broadcasting House, where records are kept of every member of the family circle. Even such items as sizes in-boots are noted.

**FEBRUARY**



**250  
SCUMPTIONS  
PRIZES**



Ask at your sweetshop for a Competition leaflet

This month you have a chance to win a bumper Cadbury parcel crammed with lots of lovely Cadbury choics—boxes of chocolates, bars, blocks and chocolate biscuits. Go to your sweetshop for the Cadbury Competition leaflet, do the Competition, then send your entry, together with any Cadbury chocolate label, to "C's Competition", CADBURYS, BOURNVILLE, BIRMINGHAM, by March 1st.

★ WATCH OUT next month for Cadbury Corner. Again there'll be lots of enjoyable prizes to win!

This competition is open only to children under 16 living in Great Britain or Northern Ireland.



### Children's TV serial

The Lost Planet, the new serial on Children's TV, features 21-year-old Mary Law, and Peter Kerr, a young Australian who has been in this country only a few months. Here they are seen during a filming session.





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# START OF THE QUEEN'S AUSTRALIAN TOUR

ON Wednesday, February 3, two squadrons of Royal Australian Air Force planes will dip their wings and Royal Australian Naval destroyers will be "dressed overall" as they escort the Gothic into Sydney Harbour.

Leaving the Gothic by launch, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will land at Port Jackson, a small jetty less than half a mile from Sydney's famous single-span bridge across a narrow section of the beautiful harbour. Thus will the Royal Tour of Australia begin.

Australians have long been looking forward to this visit. Originally King George VI was to have toured Australia, but he had to cancel his trip because of illness. Princess Elizabeth set forth to deputise for him, but, alas, she had only reached East Africa when the tragic news of her father's death shook the world and sent her hurrying home to face her destiny as Queen.

Now at last the Australians can welcome her. It will be the first time a reigning monarch has been to Australia, and the people will have ample opportunity of paying their tribute as she and her husband during the next two months tour each of Australia's six States and the Federal Capital Territory of Canberra.

One great thrill for the Royal Couple during their stay will come on Saturday when they visit Bondi, a beautiful ocean beach a few miles from Sydney.

Life-savers from all over Australia are staging the special Surf Life Saving Display, a spectacle typically Australian.

The Queen and the Duke will see these bronzed giants march along the beach with all the dignity of a regiment of Guards. They will then see them race down to the roaring surf and plunge through the "white horses" out into the deep waters to make a mock rescue.

It will be an impressive display by men whose skill, daring, and courage have saved countless lives.

SYDNEY is Australia's oldest city, and like many British cities, it has been able to mingle the old with the new in pleasing fashion. There are the old customs houses, court houses, and other buildings which are relics of the colonial days, and only a few hundred yards from some of the finest modern buildings in the British Commonwealth.



The great span of Sydney Harbour Bridge, the pride of all Australia

The Queen and the Duke will be particularly interested in the Mitchell Library (named after Sir Thomas Mitchell, one of Australia's greatest early explorers) during their stay in the city. Here are the records of many famous deeds in Australian history:

records and relics of Captain Cook's visits to Australia in the Endeavour, and links with many famous early Australians (nearly all British-born) who thrilled the world with their daring trips into the interior of the great continent at the turn of the 19th century.

ON their frequent trips around Sydney harbour there will also be much to interest the Royal couple—the ferries which ply across taking the place of normal transport, the busy naval ship-building yards, and the thousands of wood bales being loaded for export.

However, the full story of the Australian wool industry will be unfolded when they see the sheep country and the sheep which have made Australia the world's leading exporter of wool.

Sydney will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on the Royal couple. It is one of the finest cities in the world today—modern, progressive, and supremely beautiful.

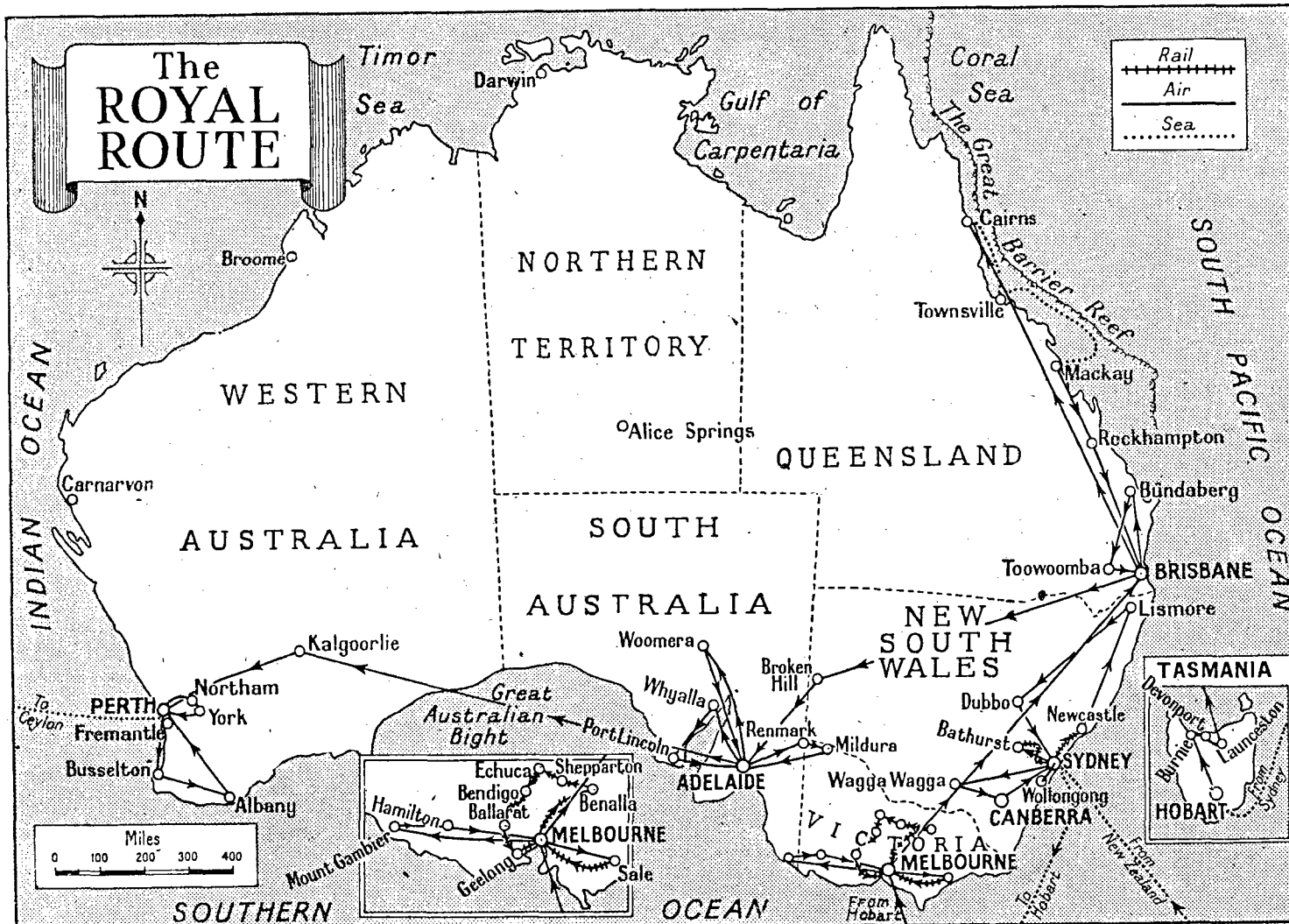
MORE great sights await the Queen and the Duke on Tuesday, February 9, when they leave Sydney and travel by train to Newcastle, Australia's biggest industrial city.

This seaport, 100 miles north-east of Sydney, is not unlike many industrial centres of Britain, with smoke always pouring from a host of tall chimneys, and its happy and hardworking people a little grimy as they travel home.

Newcastle is primarily a steel-producing city. With the rapid post-war industrial development in Australia it has become far more important than the pioneers could ever have dreamed when they settled here little more than a century ago.

Growing demands for cement reinforcing rods, sheet steel, and a host of other important steel equipment, all from Newcastle, has allowed some of the major developmental works in Australia to be completed in recent years.

Steel for most of the ships built in Australia also comes from Newcastle, and the girders so necessary for the country's big buildings are produced there.



The Royal Tour of Australia will last from February 3 to April 1. All journeys will be by air, sea, and rail with the exceptions of the road trips between Wollongong and Sydney and the round tour between Perth, Northam, and York.



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## BROTHERS ALL

WINTER invariably brings storms and floods and avalanches which leave in their wake a dreadful trail of suffering and sorrow for mankind. This present season has been no exception, but every disaster has its silver lining of the spirit of brotherhood.

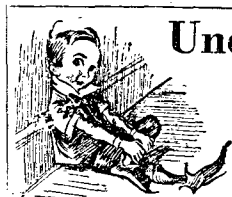
The avalanches which overwhelmed several places in Austria and Switzerland led to a fine demonstration of this spirit at work on an international scale. This was particularly so in the case of the tragic village of Blons.

Hundreds of volunteers—from Germany, Switzerland, and Liechtenstein—crossed the Austrian frontier with skis and shovels, or blankets and first aid kit, to help the survivors. And at the customs barrier they cried, "On to Blons!" and the officials waved them by without the usual examinations.

This is the spirit that breaks down barriers and overrides all the petty jealousies and prejudices that so often divide men.

It is, of course, not a new spirit. People have always been ready to help others in trouble; but in these times of international suspicion and tension, such deeds as these have deep significance, supporting us in our hopes.

*That man to man the world  
o'er  
Shall brothers be for a' that.*



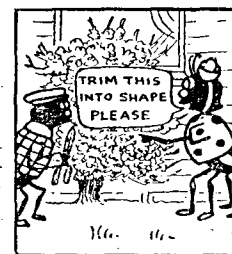
## Under the Editor's Table

PETER PUCK  
WANTS TO  
KNOW  
If railwaymen  
do signal ser-  
vice

Nothing pleases a good housewife more than to exercise skill in buying. Except more money to buy with.

A man says the front windows of his house date from James II. Odd to find front windows going back so far.

BILLY BEETLE



## BREAKING DOWN THE LANGUAGE BARRIER

A COMMON language for Western Europe has been advocated in some quarters, but the idea has been described as a snare and a danger by school-teachers of the countries concerned—Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg.

Under the Brussels Treaty, they have held meetings to discuss how to promote better cultural understanding between their nations. But they are agreed that it is impossible to suppress a language by political decree, and that it would be undesirable even to make the attempt.

"Every national language which is thoroughly alive is a faithful mirror of the people who speak it," they say; and their solution of the language problem is that more children be taught at least one foreign tongue. They believe that a child can begin this study as soon as the mother tongue is mastered.

These and many other interesting views are set out in a new pamphlet: *The Civilisation of Western Europe and the Schools* (H.M. Stationery Office, 2s. 6d.).

## Think on These Things

JESUS once watched people "cast money into the treasury" of the Temple (St. Mark, chapter 12).

Many gave much because they wanted to do so, and others gave because they thought it was their duty; some made their gifts quietly, others advertised their giving.

Then a poor widow "gave two mites, which make a farthing," and Jesus said she had given more than all of them.

He commended her act as true generosity. Poor as she was, she had given her all, and no one can do more. F. P.

Why don't toymakers make marbles again? asks a father. He would like a round dozen.

A man has written a book on insects. With plenty of fly leaves?

An American singer is said to be as thin as a pencil. And she draws crowds.

Boys should go through their pockets regularly. But not in the same way that they go through their socks.

# The Editor's Table

## Good Beginning

EVER ready to be of service to the community, twenty senior members of the Carter-knowledge Youth Club, Sheffield, began their "Club Week" activities by giving a pint of blood apiece to the Transfusion Service.

Other Youth Clubs, please copy!

## Village signs—15



The name of this Essex village is neatly pictured in a sign needing no explanation.

## The shape of man to come

HUMAN beings in five million years' time will be very different from we 20th-century mortals. That, at least, is the view of Professor Willard Krogman of the University of Pennsylvania.

Speaking in New York recently, he stated that people will have flat, circular feet because the need for them will have decreased; and also that they will have little stomach because their food would be predigested chemical tablets, leaving the digestive system with practically nothing to do.

Most of us will agree that there is plenty of room for improvement in the human race; but most of us would also possibly agree that we should prefer it to be along more spiritual lines.

## Thirty Years Ago

From *The Children's Newspaper*,  
February 9, 1924

THERE has lately died in London, aged 92, Mr. Francis Draper, who had a vivid recollection of many historical events.

He had spoken to the Duke of Wellington, was a friend of Charles Dickens, and clearly remembered Sir Robert Peel, Lord Palmerston, Ruskin, Carlyle, and Thackeray.

He won a prize for an essay in 1851. He remembered the Nelson column being built, and had in his eye the appearance of the Thames before Westminster Bridge and the Houses of Parliament were there, and before Victoria Embankment was made.

Great as were the changes in London during Mr. Draper's long life they will be much greater in the next sixty years.

## INTO THE UNKNOWN UNAFRAID

MR. ROY CHALLACOMBE of Wallington is going into the jungles of the mighty Amazon to try to found a mission station among the little-known tribe of Maku Indians.

He is to strike the Amazon trail with an Italian friend, Ernest Migliazza, in the service of the West Amazon Mission which is constantly striving to spread the Gospel in the most distant reaches of the great river.

Before they can preach to the Makus they will have to learn the native language, and this means quickly getting on terms of friendship with them, a task which may prove extremely hazardous.

But Challacombe, like his friend, has no fears. "Once we are in the interior," he has said, "we shall live by faith. Others have done it, so shall we."

There speaks the true Christian, fully armed with his faith, come what may.

## FAREWELL

A LITTLE while to set our sail  
In wonder to the rising gale;  
A little while in light and dark,  
Through storm and shine, to  
guide our barque;  
And somewhere in the Faraway  
A quiet bay.

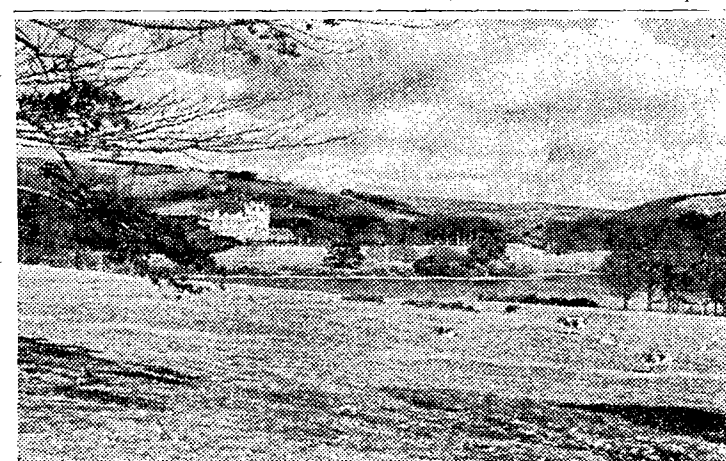
A little sweet and sour to quaff,  
A little while to love and laugh;  
And one small corner that we  
fain  
Would screen from biting wind  
and rain;  
And at the ending of our quest  
A place of rest.

A little less, a little more,  
A little road to travel o'er,  
And but one little word to say  
To those who leave us on the  
way:  
And some day, when we fall  
asleep,  
God's hand to keep.

*A little poem by Gunby Hadath, with  
whose passing from our midst the C.N.  
has lost an old and valued friend.*

## JUST AN IDEA

As a Chinese proverb says:  
Do not forget little kindnesses,  
and do not remember small  
faults.



OUR HOMELAND

A view over White  
Loch, Stranraer

The Children's Newspaper, February 6, 1954.

THEY SAY . . .

IF the United Nations had not brought the world's disputing nations together, the frictions and difficulties would be so acute that world war would be very likely instead of, as I regard it, unlikely.

Mr. John Foster Dulles

THE key to Commonwealth expansion is not optimism, but hard work.

Mr. R. A. Butler

TOLERANCE and a firm faith can still be found together. These are the hallmarks of our civilisation and of our Commonwealth. They are also our message to the modern world.

Mr. Anthony Eden

I HAVE a copy of every record I've ever made. But I never play them. They'd be pretty dull stuff to me!

Blug Crosby

CONTINUED support of the United Nations is one plank that must remain in our foreign platform if we are to meet the great political challenge of our time.

Thurston B. Morton,  
U.S. Assistant Secretary of State

## Out and About

IF the sun be still shining when the cold wind has dropped we almost forget that the calendar tells us it is still winter.

Walking through a sheltered clearing in the wood we notice not only some early flowers; but how sweetly the robin sings.

A few daring bees are out foraging; their familiar buzzing brings memories of warmer days. They risk dying in the cold if there is a sudden change to freezing. But it is the task of worker bees to gather nectar whenever possible, especially when last year's store of honey is running low.

This is the time when the bees are attracted by the early wild flowers which gladden our eyes with their reminder that official Spring is round the corner.

C. D. D.

## A GOOD MAN'S GLORY

The testimony of a good conscience is the glory of a good man; have a good conscience and thou shalt ever have gladness. A good conscience may bear right many things and rejoices among adversities.

Thomas à Kempis



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## LINDSAY HASSETT SAYS FAREWELL TO CRICKET

From an Australian Correspondent  
Australia's Test skipper, Lindsay Hassett, has retired from big cricket.

This unassuming sportsman, who has led his team in 24 Test Matches, said farewell to the game in a match at Melbourne. It was a match played in friendly but spirited rivalry by 22 of Australia's finest cricketers, who scored no fewer than 1801 runs in just over three days.

Lindsay Hassett has endeared himself to all lovers of the game; and indeed he is almost as well known in England and South Africa as in his own country.

Always immaculately dressed on the field, a man of solemn face but good humour, he has been a superb batsman—stubborn stonewaller or gay hitter as the state of the game required.

Off the field he has been a

diplomat at all times, at home in any company and the life and soul of any party.

He leaves the game with no regrets. He probably would have liked to put away his bat for the last time with Australia in possession of the Ashes, and he would probably have liked a triple century or a hat trick to his credit. But such glories which were not to be do not worry him; in fact, when it comes to his own achievements this dapper little man of big cricket has little to say.

But if advice for young players is sought, he has a ready answer.

"Hop right in and practise," he says; "practise till you reach the stage where you get enjoyment every moment, even when practising."

A pleasing postscript to Lindsay Hassett's last innings concerns his bat, which is now the proudest

possession of a 14-year-old pupil of Melbourne Grammar School named Michael Dennett.

After Lindsay Hassett had made only three in the second innings of his final match he returned to the pavilion, walking disconsolately to the players' gate.

Schoolboys crowded round him, and foremost among them was Michael (complete with camera), anxious for a "shot" of the man he had admired since he was eight.

As Hassett walked another couple of paces towards the dressing room, he turned suddenly and gently threw his bat towards the youngsters.

Michael Dennett grabbed it and clutched it to his chest. It was his catch and he was determined to keep it.

This year he goes to senior school and will use the bat in the school house matches.

## For the Royal children



During their visit to the Fiji Islands the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were presented with gifts for their children. The Fijian boy pictured above is seen with the fascinating model catamaran given to Prince Charles. Princess Anne's gift—a cot and a doll in ceremonial costume—is seen below, in the care of a little Fijian girl



## The CN National Handwriting Test of 1954

NOW OPEN

3 AGE GROUPS



1318 Cash and Other Prizes Value £500 to be Awarded

THIS great new competition for schoolgirls and schoolboys is the fifth of the nation-wide Handwriting Tests to be sponsored by CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER.

As usual, it is for all full-time pupils of schools and colleges in Great Britain, all Ireland, and the Channel Islands, who are under 17.

Schools and teachers throughout these areas are invited to co-operate in entering their pupils, as the Entry Forms are issued only through schools—and only on request.

Each entrant has simply to copy out the Test Passage (given on the Entry Form), a paragraph of 21 words only, in the writing style taught in his or her school. Awards totalling £500 in value will be made for the best entries.

There are Three Age Groups, with prizes in each for both pupils and schools. You can thus win for your school as well as yourself in this great list of prizes:

GROUP A (For Pupils under 9)	GROUP B (Pupils of 9 to under 13)	GROUP C (Pupils of 13 to under 17)
<b>FIRST PRIZES—</b>	<b>FIRST PRIZES—</b>	<b>FIRST PRIZES—</b>
To the School .. .. £25	To the School .. .. £25	To the School .. .. £25
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To the Pupil .. .. £3	To the Pupil .. .. £3	To the Pupil .. .. £3
<b>THIRD PRIZES—</b>	<b>THIRD PRIZES—</b>	<b>THIRD PRIZES—</b>
To the School .. .. £5	To the School .. .. £5	To the School .. .. £5
To the Pupil .. .. £2	To the Pupil .. .. £2	To the Pupil .. .. £2

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If you would like to try for a prize for yourself and for your school, please show this announcement to your Teacher, and (unless the school has already applied) ask him or her kindly to complete this coupon and send it in. Note that entries in the Test must be on the proper Entry Form which is issued free to schools.

The test may be done in school or at home, as decided by the Teacher. There is NO entry fee—but when returned, every pupil's attempt must bear one of the Tokens (marked CN Writing Test 1954) now appearing in every issue of Children's Newspaper.

### NOTE TO TEACHERS

The Entry Form contains the Test Passage, space for the pupil's effort, and the full rules. It is issued only to schools on request. Teachers are asked kindly to assess the number of forms required as closely as possible, and to send for them on this coupon. The supply will then be sent free and post free. Last date for form applications is March 1

You will find one at the foot of the back page of this issue of the CN.

The Closing Date for entries is Wednesday, March 31. These, when completed, are to be sent in in accordance with the rules, also given in the Entry Form.

To CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER, Competition Dept., CN  
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Please send me (free and post free) ..... copies of the CN National Handwriting Test of 1954 Entry Forms for my pupils.

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School .....

School Address .....

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## SCHOOLBOY ADDRESSES LEARNED MEN

Proud, and perhaps also a little nervous, must have been 13-year-old Mark Hassall when he addressed a learned body at the Society of Antiquaries in London.

He went there to show 150 archaeologists and historians a small mould belonging to the Roman occupation period which he had found in an Oxfordshire field. The mould was used in those times for casting a finely-shaped classical head.

Professor J. M. Toynbee of Cambridge University described the mould as "probably unique" and

said that its discovery was the result of Mark's "patient, unglamorous spotting and combing work."

Mark, who is at Thame Grammar School, told the scholarly audience: "After consulting experts, I think it most likely that it was used for ornamentation on the necks of jugs."

This well-informed lad had gone to Burlington House, where the meeting was held, with nine other persons who had brought newly-found objects of great interest to this exhibition arranged by the Council for British Archaeology.



## BRITAIN'S BIGGEST OIL DOCK

Many years ago (writes a correspondent) I used to camp on a green field that swept down to the Manchester Ship Canal at Eastham, in Cheshire.

But awhile back came mechanical navvies, conveyors, bulldozers, and all the other equipment of the contractor, and work started on a great excavation in the middle of the green expanse.

Down and down went the diggers, concrete walls were built around the chasm, and towards the end of last year water was slowly let in.

Now the water-filled excavation, the Queen Elizabeth II dock, has been officially opened as Britain's biggest oil dock.

Up to the present time tankers for the Shell Mex oil depot at Stanlow have had to proceed along the Ship Canal for nearly six miles to the Shell wharves, being conveyed by locks at anything but high tide.

### BY LAND PIPE-LINE

Now they will go into the new dock which has an entrance from the river Mersey just before the canal starts, and from here their precious cargo will be pumped through a land pipe-line to the Stanlow containers. Thus will time and canal dues be saved.

Although the pipe-lining of oil is common abroad this is one of the first serious efforts of its kind in Britain. The dock has cost something like £5,000,000 to build and the work has taken nearly four years.

The Queen Elizabeth II dock will hold four tankers at a time and has an entrance gate 100 feet wide, while in all it covers over 18 acres.

An interesting feature of the project has been the disposal of the excavated earth. Instead of making one big unsightly hill, it has been spread evenly over a vast area of land, raising it all by 30 feet or so.

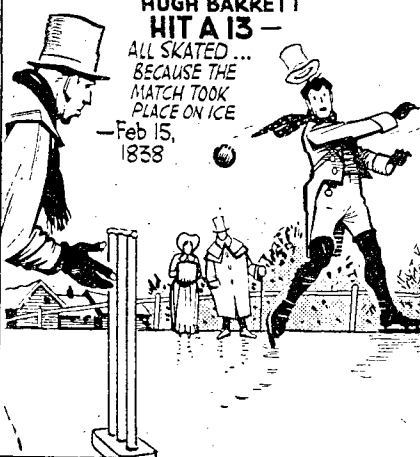
When this deposit has settled the upper surface will once again become green fields.

PLAYING CRICKET FOR HAZELWOOD (YORKS.) AGAINST NEIGHBOURING VILLAGERS.

**HUGH BARRETT HIT A 13 —**

ALL SKATED... BECAUSE THE MATCH TOOK PLACE ON ICE

—Feb 15, 1838



## Sporting Flashbacks

**JOHN HYDE**

WAS STILL AT SCHOOL (WELLINGBOROUGH GRAMMAR) WHEN CHOSEN TO PLAY RUGBY FOR ENGLAND V FRANCE — Feb, 1950



THE LATE

**SIR AUBREY SMITH**

—DISTINGUISHED BRITISH FILM ACTOR IN "THE LIVES OF A BENGAL LANCER," "THE FOUR FEATHERS," ETC. —PLAYED SOCCER FOR THE OLD CARTHUSIANS IN EARLY F.A. CUP-TIES, CAPTAINED THE SUSSEX CRICKET CLUB, AND LED ENGLAND'S FIRST TEST TEAM IN SOUTH AFRICA. (HE ALSO FOUNDED THE HOLLYWOOD C.C.)



## YOUNG GOOD SAMARITAN OF ROME

Few people in this country have heard of Walter-Consenghi. But Italians know all about him, for he has been chosen as The Best Boy of Rome. A correspondent who was at the presentation ceremony in the Capitol tells us why.

The Lord Mayor of the Eternal City was present, together with a Cardinal, a Senator, and various school authorities.

"Whenever there is talk of boys and girls these days," the Lord Mayor said in a little speech, "it is of a deprecatory nature. It is therefore fitting that a good deed by one of our boys should be praised in public."

There is nothing extraordinary about Walter, except perhaps his anxiety to do at least one good deed every day.

His mother tells of a recent episode. Walter was sleeping fitfully when he suddenly sat up in bed. "I must go out, mother," he said. "I have not done my good deed."

"You can do two tomorrow, son," she said to soothe him.

But he insisted, and in the end she went out with him.

They met an aged beggar who was tramping wearily along. Walter spoke a few words of comfort to him, and then gave him a coin from his money-box.

"All right, mother," he said, "now I can go back and sleep."

### CRIPPLED BOY'S NEED

Sitting next to Walter at school is young Gianfranco, a crippled lad in need of special shoes.

"Why don't your parents buy you a pair?" Walter asked.

"They cannot. My father is dead and my mother hasn't the money," Gianfranco explained.

Walter reflected on this for some time. Then he ran home and opened his money-box with the aid of a piece of wire. Alas, his few coins were not enough, so Walter offered his services to neighbours and saved every lira for his schoolmate. Then he

sallied out into the streets with his accordion and played the only tune he had learnt: "Lola, Lola."

All day he played, and the next morning he rushed to his schoolmaster, saying: "Here is some money for Gianfranco's shoes."

The other children applauded wildly and also brought small sums for the crippled youngster; for a good deed can be as infectious as the measles!

When Walter was asked what he would do with the 50,000 lire that went with the title of The Best Boy of Rome, he did not hesitate a second: "Gianfranco needs a winter coat," he said, "and I have an uncle who is badly off."

Truly, the citizens of Rome have chosen well!

### MAN'S DEEPEST

The 9876-foot-deep Crown Mine at Johannesburg marks man's deepest descent into the earth. This was stated by Mr. W. C. Eales, the Union Mining Commissioner. It is 119 feet deeper than the world's second deepest mine, at Oosegum in India. The third deepest is another mine at Johannesburg, which is at present 9637 feet deep.

## DOG SHOW OF THE YEAR

The doors of London's Olympia will be thrown open this Friday (February 5) for yet another two-day Cruft's Dog Show. And to it will flock the aristocracy of the dog world. From Land's End to John O'Groats, and from Ireland, will come the best in all breeds to compete for the much-coveted title of winner or Champion.

All kinds will be there, from the big lumbering Irish Wolfhound to the tiniest Chihuahua—the hairless one—and each will be vying with others of its own strain for the titles which mean so much to their owners.

Inside the hall, handlers will be busy brushing, powdering, and generally grooming their charges for the great moment when they are spotlighted in the show ring.

But in addition to looking its best, each animal must be on its best behaviour, for a display of temperament at the wrong moment may ruin the chances of even the most handsome dog.

### THRILLING OCCASION

Mistress or Master, experienced or not at such functions, will be on edge with anticipation and excitement; the possibility of handling the best dog of its class must always make it a thrilling occasion.

But the highest honour of all—to handle the Best in Show—is undoubtedly the goal for which all breeders strive, and it is this crowning spectacle which provides the onlookers with the biggest thrill.

In the evening of the second day of the show, the many owners, breeders, and charges will make that long trek home; some light-heartedly with their trophies and prizes and commendations, others with that pang of disappointment which is eased only by the knowledge that the "better dog" won.

It is fitting to point out that from Cruft's the British thoroughbred dog has set forth to conquer the overseas markets, and that a thriving industry is kept on its toes by the high standard required at this Olympian gathering.

## THE AFRICAN JOURNEYS OF MUNGO PARK—picture-story of a famous explorer (14)



Reduced in numbers, Mungo's party slogged on towards the Niger. They had to be vigilant against robbers and lions. One night lions attacked their asses, which broke their tethering ropes and charged among the tents. The soldiers drove off the lions and collected the donkeys. Next morning they continued their weary march. Then Mr. Anderson, Mungo's brother-in-law, fell ill, and could hardly ride his horse.



Later they were wading across a river when a crocodile seized Isaaco, Mungo's trusty guide. With great courage Isaaco thrust his thumbs into the crocodile's eyes, forcing it to release him. But he was badly hurt, and Mungo had to stitch up his wounds. When they resumed their march more soldiers fell ill, and native robbers grew bolder in stealing goods from the straggling column of sick white men.



Mr. Anderson became weaker, and one day Mungo, who had been at the rear of the party, found him apparently dying. He carried him across a stream, and made a hammock for him from a pole and cloak, so that two of the native servants could carry him. His friend George Scott also became ill, and Mungo gave him his horse to ride. The rest of the party could now only just manage to drag themselves along.



A few days later Mungo saw the Niger once more, and his spirits rose in spite of his troubles. But his expedition was in a bad way. Of 35 soldiers and four carpenters who had set out on the 500-mile march, only six soldiers and one carpenter reached the great river, where the chief part of their exploration was to begin. Mungo had no thought of turning back, and set about hiring a native boat.

What fate awaits the remnants of Mungo's party on the unknown Niger? See next week's concluding instalment



A new serial about Linbury Court Preparatory School

# ACCORDING TO JENNINGS.

By Anthony Buckeridge

Jennings and Darbshire are chasing Venables, Atkinson, and Temple, who are pretending to be moon-dwellers in a lively game of lunar exploration. They pay scant attention to a warning by Mr. Wilkins that they should curb their activities as General Merridew, a distinguished Old Boy, has arrived at Linbury to visit his old school.

## 3. Prisoner in the library

FROM the moment that General Merridew set foot in the entrance hall, it was clear that he was not in the sunniest of tempers. He scowled at the maid who opened the front door, and grunted a surly *H'mph!* at the news that the headmaster had been detained in the local town of Dunhambury, and was not on hand to welcome his guest.

There was, however, a simple reason for the General's ill-humour: he was a man who enjoyed a comfortable snooze after lunch, and his two-o'clock arrival at Linbury had given him no chance to indulge in his usual arm-chair coma.

"If you'll wait in the library, sir, I'll tell Mr. Carter that you're here," said the maid, and scuttled off to the staff room to report the news.

General Merridew frowned at the library furniture and thought, *H'mph!* Leather armchairs, eh! ... They'd had to make do with hard wooden benches when he had been an inky-fingered Third Former, back in 1895. What was the modern generation coming to! Too much spoonfeeding, and not enough discipline—that was the trouble ... Leather armchairs—*h'mph!*

## The testy General

His train of thought jolted to a stop as the door opened and Mr. Carter came in.

"Good afternoon, General Merridew," he said, and introduced himself with a welcoming smile.

"Good afternoon to you—though it doesn't show much sign of being a good afternoon, so far," replied the General ungraciously.

Mr. Carter sensed the visitor's testy mood, and hoped that the headmaster would soon be back to take charge of his difficult guest. "We're delighted to see you again, sir, and I'm sure the boys would appreciate it if you could spare a moment to say a few words to them before you go."

"*H'mph!* The only reason they want to listen to an old fogey like me is because they expect me to ask for a half-holiday when I've finished," grumbled the General. "Now, back in 1895, Cooper ..."

"Carter's the name, General."

"... back in 1895, we didn't

get all these half-holidays. We had to work all hours of the day and learn to stand on our own feet. And if you can convince me, Culpepper ..."

"Carter, sir."

"If you can convince me, Carter, that the youngsters of today have the same enterprise and dash that we had, back in the nineties, I'll—I'll—well, I'll be very surprised."

Tactfully, Mr. Carter made his escape from the library and hurried away to see whether the headmaster had returned.

There was no doubt that the despised armchairs were very comfortable; and as there was no sign of the headmaster, the General decided that he might, after all, be able to indulge in his customary forty winks.

But not for long! For the number of winks had barely



"What! Good heavens!" spluttered the General

reached double figures when the library door hurtled open as though an explosive charge had been placed behind it, and three breathless boys came clattering into the room at full-tilt.

"Eh ... eh! ... What ... What! Good heavens!" spluttered the General, jerked back to sudden wakefulness.

They looked like ordinary boys to him, for there was nothing to show that the party now skidding to a halt on the polished floor were three moon-dwellers escaping from the notorious Butch Breakaway. The trio skated into the room. Then they saw General Merridew!

"Oh! Oh, my goodness!" gasped Atkinson, no longer a fleeing Lunatickian, but an unhappy small boy who realises that he has just done something unforgivable. "We—we're terribly sorry. We didn't know there was anyone in here."

"*H'mph!* Nice sort of way to come in even if you thought the room was empty," simmered the General. "We wouldn't have dared to rush about like that in my young days."

"Sorry, sir. We were playing a game, you see. Someone's chasing us," Venables explained, edging towards the door.

Scarlet with guilty shame, the Lunatickians tip-toed out on to the landing, closed the door softly, and hurried away to seek a safer refuge in the tuck-box room.

Peace reigned once more in the library. Gradually, the eminent Old Linburian's eyes glazed over, and a moment later he uttered a long, deep sigh like the gentle application of a vacuum-brake ... General Merridew was having his afternoon nap at last.

Jennings and Darbshire searched for some time without finding any trace of the three Lunatickians. And then, just as they were beginning to think that their quarry must be hiding somewhere out of bounds, they met Bromwich major mooching along the corridor all by himself. There was nothing unusual in this, for the elder Bromwich often preferred his own company to that of his colleagues in Form Three.

## Hostile moon-dwellers

"I say, Bromo, have you seen any hostile moon-dwellers beetling about anywhere?" Jennings greeted him.

"If you mean Venables and all that crush, they went stonking upstairs like a tribe of hippopotamuses about five minutes ago," Bromwich answered.

"Wacko! Any idea where they were heading for?"

"Yes; come to think of it, I heard Atkinson say they were going to take cover in the library. I gather the scheme was to hide behind the door while you and Darbi went lumbering past."

"Jolly good! Now we've got them! Caught like rats in a trap!" Jennings waved his ray-gun round his head in triumphant glee. "Thanks for telling us, Bromo ... Come on, Darbi!" And up the stairs he charged, hot-foot—as he fondly supposed—on the trail of the quarry.

"How'd it be, Jen, if you dashed in and gave them a five-second burst of space-gun fire, while I stay outside to stop them making a bolt for it?" suggested Darbshire as they raced along the landing.

## A nimble wheeze

"Right-o! Then we'll ... No, we won't; I've got a better idea. A really crafty, nimble wheeze!" said Jennings, stopping dead in his tracks.

"What are you going to do, then?"

"Lock them in—that's what! ... The key's sure to be on the outside of the door, so it couldn't be simpler. Then they'll really be our prisoners, and they can jolly well stay there till we're graciously pleased to let them out." Jennings held himself proudly erect at what he felt was a master stroke.

"Oh, how supersonic! This is going to be lobsterous fun!" Darbshire pranced from foot to foot and wagged his head from side to side in joyful anticipation.

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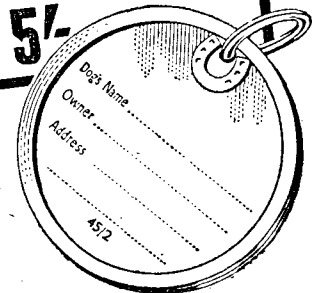
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MICHAEL BARNARD, 20-year-old Hampshire cricketer, played Rugby at Portsmouth Grammar School, gaining recognition as a full back in the Hampshire Public Schools side. Today he is a goal-scoring Soccer inside left with Portsmouth.

THE Second Test of the West Indies series begins on Friday at Bridgetown, Barbados. The M.C.C. have never lost a Test match at this delightful ground, having drawn two and won one on their previous visits. Incidentally, in the first Test of this series Len Hutton became the first player to score 1000 runs against the West Indies.

WILLIE WATSON, the Yorkshire batsman, and a member of the M.C.C. team now touring in the West Indies, is in great demand out there because of his football fame. Watson, formerly captain of Sunderland and an English international, has been lecturing and demonstrating to some of the West Indian football clubs.

YET another Australian cricketer is coming to this country to play in the County Championship. Ray Hogan, a 21-year-old fast-medium bowler from Sydney, has been engaged by Northants. He will play in league cricket for a year to qualify by residence.

JOHN BRADMAN, 14-year-old son of the great Sir Donald Bradman, has been scoring brilliantly for his school in a South Australian schoolboys' cricket tournament. Yet in 1952, he was stricken with infantile paralysis.

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## ACCORDING TO JENNINGS

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moment the two boys stood straining their ears for any sound of the hostile Lunatickians.

They heard none: which was not surprising, for Venables, Temple, and Atkinson had been safely hidden in the tuck-box room for some minutes past, and the sound of General Merridew's peaceful slumbers failed to penetrate the stout oak door.

"Now for it," whispered Jennings—and turned the key in the lock.

Then he hammered loudly on the panels and shouted: "Hey, you inside there! You think you're jolly clever skulking in the libe, don't you! Well, now you're jolly well up a gum tree and you can stay there—and I hope it keeps fine for you!"

General Merridew, roused by the banging on the door, awoke from sleep and gasped with outraged horror as Jennings' words were wafted through the jamb of the door. But there was more to follow! . . .

Outside on the landing Darbishire put his lips to the keyhole and chanted:

"Ha-ha-ha! . . . Hee-hee-hee! . . . We've locked you in, and pinched the key!"

He broke off, delighted by what seemed to him to be inspired poetry of high quality. "I say, Jen; did you hear that? I made up a poem by accident. I said: 'Ha-ha-ha . . .'"

"All right, I heard," said Jennings shortly. "We'll shove off for a bit and leave them inside, just to show them who's boss around these parts."

The General leaped to his feet with a cry of protest. But Jennings and Darbishire merely rocked with laughter at what they mistakenly supposed to be Venables snorting in mock fury.

Jennings ran off towards the tuck-box room to find someone with whom to share the joke, while Darbishire pocketed the key and made tracks for Dormitory 5, on the far side of the quad. From there, he hoped he would be able to catch a glimpse of the captives through the library windows, and tantalise them to further outbursts of wrath by dangling the key before their eyes.

He trotted along the corridor, happily warbling his accidental poem in a shrill treble:

"Ha-ha-ha . . . Hee-hee-hee, We've locked them in and pinched the key. There they'll stay, till we let them out; Rumty-tumty-tumty-tout."

The last line wasn't quite right, he knew; but "Professor" Darbishire wasn't worrying!

All the same, he would have been worrying in no uncertain manner, had he known the identity of the prisoner who even at that moment stood fuming and fretting on the other side of the library door.

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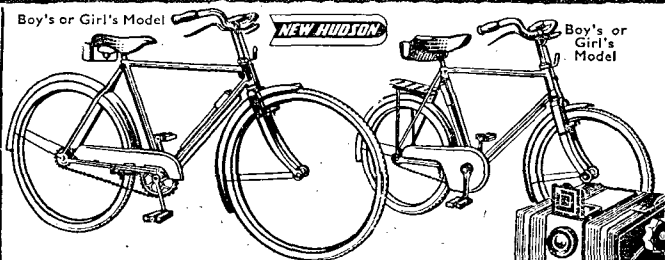
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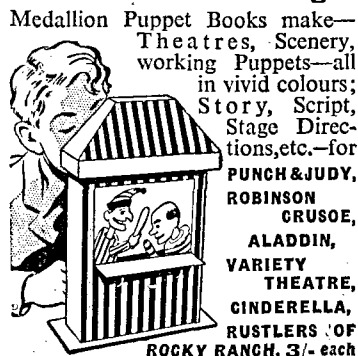
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This picturesque zoo park, owned by Sir Edward Hallstrom and ably administered by its energetic superintendent, Mr. H. B. Brown, is engaged at the moment in collecting together a number of animals which will come to London Zoo in the Spring to commemorate her Majesty's Australian tour.

It will be a big collection, with kangaroos, wombats, Tasmanian devils, emus, birds-of-paradise, black swans, and numerous parrots, cockatoos, and grass finches.

**PET RHINOCEROS**

The citizens of Sydney are rightly proud of their 70-year-old zoo park. For not only is it far and away the most beautiful of the Australian zoos, but it contains a representative gathering of animals from all over the world, including riding elephants from India and Ceylon, and hippos and rhinos from Africa. One of the rhinos, incidentally, the special "pet" of Sir Edward Hallstrom, is the tamest in captivity anywhere, for it feeds regularly from the hand and thoroughly enjoys being petted. On two features especially does the zoo park pride itself today—its very fine collection of birds-of-paradise and its colony of "fairy" penguins.

**C N Competition 41 Further Awards**

Since the result of our Prize Quiz was published in our January 2 issue, it has been found that there was an unfortunate error in connection with one of the answers, and that this was also given in the result. The answer to puzzle No. 5 should have been 47 triangles, not 35 as printed.

As this regrettable error affected the status of one consolation prize-winner, as well as the entries of a number of readers not in the prize list, these have been re-examined and additional prizes awarded.

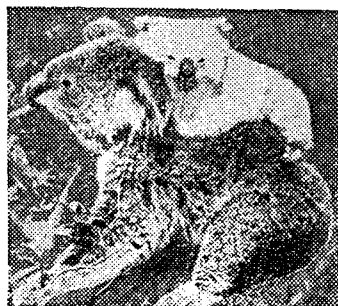
One entrant—Diane Syndercombe, of Sutton—previously awarded a consolation prize, now receives a first prize of a Leather Satchel, and further Satchels have been given to the following who also gave all-correct answers to the Quiz:

William Banks, North Cheam; Margaret Fiske, Weybridge; Suzanne Maiden, Stockport; Malcolm Summers, Colne.

In addition, further consolation prizes have been added to the list, and sent to these entrants, whose answers were next in merit:

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Taronga Park has its own collectors, intrepid Australians mostly, who venture all over the tropics to capture and bring back rare and beautiful creatures. Foremost among these men is the veteran Mr. Shaw Meyer, who periodically makes extended expeditions into the jungles of New Guinea mainly to collect birds-of-paradise. Indeed, Taronga's show



An albino koala with its mother at Taronga Park Zoo

of these lovely birds is generally thought to be the most complete in the world.

The "fairy" penguin colony is also unique. These penguins are the smallest in the world. They occur only off the Australian and New Zealand shores, and are so delicate that they are rarely seen in the northern hemisphere. Taronga's collection of them is exhibited in a large tank, where the birds give endless pleasure to visitors with diving and swimming displays. They are also expert at the art of fish-catching.

That these little penguins thrive so well at Taronga is due to its wonderful climate, and this is also the reason why all kinds of tropical animals can be kept there far better than in northern zoos. Spider monkeys, for instance, are not caged as they generally are in other zoos, but are shown on "Mappin Terrace" principles, with no bars or netting to hamper the view, and only a slippery wall to keep the lively exhibits within bounds.

**THE LITTLE KOALA**

There is, too, that native Australian animal, the pretty little koala bear, which has such a restricted diet that it cannot be exhibited in other countries without great danger to its health. At Taronga, the little koala—so like the conventional "teddy-bear" of the toyshops—is present in large numbers and can be seen roaming at large among the blue gum and eucalyptus trees.

Nevertheless, animals and birds of harder types go regularly from Taronga to other menageries in all parts of the world, either as gifts or in exchange. Certainly London Zoo has received many creatures from the Sydney Zoo, the last to arrive being a fine pair of emus, sent in exchange for a pair of rare Père David's deer bred at Whipsnade, a blackbuck, and six ring-necked parakeets.



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## THE BRAN TUB

### SHEER NONSENSE

"HALLO!" a cheeky squirrel said, Then promptly stood upon his head.  
"Dear me!" he muttered with a frown,  
"Now everything is upside down."

### SPOT THE . . .

BLACK-HEADED GULL as he gracefully twists, turns, and dives in mid-air. His flight consists mainly of short glides and rapid wing-beating.



Despite the name, the dark chocolate-coloured cap is absent for a considerable part of the year, including winter. The bird can always be distinguished from the common gull by its deep red bill and legs.

Each winter huge flocks come inland and are seen about fields, marshes, and waterways. Their food includes carrion, waste fish, harmful insects, and grubs.

### Kitchen problem

FATHER was attempting to make a pot of tea. "I can't find the tea, dear," he called to his wife.

"Why don't you use your eyes? It's in the sugar tin."

## BEDTIME CORNER

### Bundles of mischief

IT would be hard to find two prettier puppies than Snowy and Tinker, the jolly little Scotties that Uncle Ted had given to Michael on his seventh birthday.

At that time they were gentle and obedient, following their young master about wherever he went; but as they grew older they grew livelier and often very naughty. They scampered through the house, getting in everybody's way, tearing the sofa cushions, running off with Mummy's knitting, hiding Daddy's slippers, and making themselves thoroughly unpopular. Daddy said it must stop.

"They will have to go," he declared. "One of them, at any rate," he added, seeing Michael's sorrowful face.

Michael was allowed to choose; and as he could not bear to part with Snowy, it was Tinker, whose coat was as black as Snowy's was white, who was sent back to Uncle Ted's farm.



When he had gone the house seemed strangely quiet. Snowy was a changed creature. He went about with his tail between his legs, trotting from room to room, searching for his lost playmate, a very sad little dog.

And then one day there was such a commotion in the garden that Michael ran out to see what it was all about.

"Mummy! Daddy!" he cried. "It's Tinker! He's come back!"

And so he had. The clever dog, guided by the queer instinct that animals possess, had found its way across miles of

strange country back to the friends he loved and the place he knew as home.

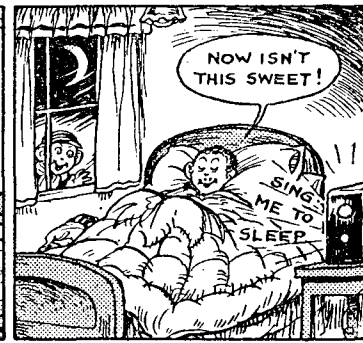
"Oh, Daddy, you won't send him away again, will you?" Michael begged.

And Daddy, looking down at the happy little group on the lawn, where Michael knelt with Tinker in his arms, while Snowy jumped round them, barking his delight, had not the heart to disappoint them.

## JACKO'S RADIO GIVES ADOLPHUS A RUDE AWAKENING



Adolphus was delighted when Jacko offered him his radio.



"So soothing," he murmured as soft music lulled him to sleep.



But there was nothing soft or soothing about the early-morning greeting.

### In school

MY first is in pickles but not in sauce;  
My second's in semaphore, also in Morse;  
My third is in gardens and also in seeds;  
My fourth is in flowers and also in weeds;  
My fifth is in onions but not in leeks;  
My sixth is in fortnight, not in weeks;  
My last is in ripples, not in pool;  
And my whole is what we learn at school.

Answer next week

### Legal problem

IF a man's peacock laid an egg in his neighbour's garden, who would have the rightful claim to the egg?

Neither, since there would be no egg—only the hens lay them!

### Jungle feat

"WHAT was your worst experience in the jungle, Colonel?"

"When I was attacked by a 20-foot snake."

"Gosh. I didn't know snakes had feet."

### Gingerbread

POOR quality gingerbread, decorated with imitation gold leaf, was often sold at the medieval fairs which were such a feature of life in bygone England.

Later, the elaborate carving and gilded decorations on the stern quarters of ships were called gingerbread work. Collisions and other mishaps would quickly ruin it, and it is likely that this originated the phrase taking the gilt off the gingerbread.

### The flyer

I ONCE knew a farmer called Giles,  
Who could easily run forty miles,  
Down lanes he would race,  
At a wonderful pace,  
And he always flew clean over stiles.

### JUMBLE QUIZ

To find the answer to each clue rearrange the letters in the anagrams. Each solution begins with the letter M.

1. Largest city of Canada; lying in the estuary of the St. Lawrence, it is an ocean port and is now one of the chief Transatlantic air terminals. (LONE TRAM)

2. College of Oxford University noted for its beautiful tower. (GLAD NAME)

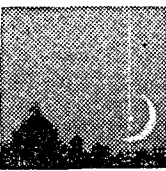
3. Nineteenth-century English Prime Minister; one of the largest Australian cities was named after him. (ONE RUMBLE)

4. Roman god of commerce and messenger of the gods; his name is given to the planet nearest the sun and to the only metal that is liquid at ordinary temperatures. (CURRY ME)

Answer next week

### OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Jupiter is in the south. In the morning Mars and Saturn are in the south. The picture shows the Moon as it will appear at half-past seven on the evening of



Friday, February 5.

## IRISH

AN Irishman returning home from work one evening was prevented by heavy snowdrifts from reaching his house, and stayed the night with a friend.

Next morning he sent a message to his employer which read: "Sorry, cannot come to work this morning. Have not got home yesterday yet."

### Simple arithmetic

"ADDING increases a number and subtraction decreases it," said Teacher. But a little girl said: "I know a number that I can decrease by adding something," and another added: "And I know a number that I can increase by subtracting something."

Do you know what they are?

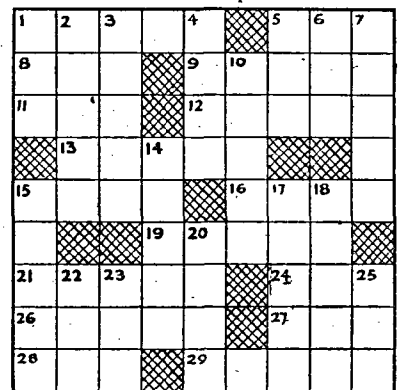
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### Crossword puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Circular reef. 5 Vessel. 8 Through. 9 Words whispered by an actor. 11 Finish. 12 Guide. 13 Faculty. 15 Brave man. 16 Female horse. 19 Sample food. 21 Flung. 24 Number. 26 Wear away. 27 Beverage. 28 Feminine pronoun. 29 Dare.

READING DOWN. 1 Large monkey. 2 Taut. 3 Command. 4 Girl. 5 Dish. 6 Poem. 7 Succint. 10 Stalks. 14 Observed. 15 Deceits. 17 Essence of roses. 18 Scottish dances. 20 Impressed. 22 Her Royal Highness. 23 Fish eggs. 25 Trap.

Answer next week



### Wits at work

TEACHER: "What is a collective noun, Tommy?"

Tommy: "Please, sir, a vacuum cleaner."

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Jumble Quiz. Locust, Lancelot, Lourdes, Landseer

In storyland. Peter Pan Quaint towns. Hull, Bath, Reading, Bury, Stoke, Wick, Barrow, Limerick, Cork, Rugby Two threes. Marshy, betray, errand, candid, sonnet

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